SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

SSI makes **1**_____ payments to people who have low **2**_____ and few **3**_____, and who are age 65 or older, blind, or disabled. SSI is managed by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Eligibility

- Income: The SSA calculates if your income disqualifies you from receiving SSI.
- Resources: For individuals, your resources must be worth **4**_____ or less.
- Disability status: The SSA will determine if you meet the disability criteria. For adults (18+), the SSA is primarily concerned with how your disability affects your ability to **5**_____.
- Residence: You must live in the U.S. or the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Citizenship: You must be a U.S. citizen or national. Some non-citizens may qualify.

Application Process

- You can apply online: https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssi/.
- You can schedule an appointment at your local Social Security office: 1-800-772-1213, or contact your local Social Security office (http://bit.ly/2MQjl4F).
- The application is long, and the SSA will require documents verifying your resources, income, and disability status.
- If you are applying for children under 18, you will need to complete the Application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and a Child Disability Report.
- If your child is receiving SSI, they will go through the Age 18 Redetermination process to determine if they will continue to receive SSI benefits as an adult and how much they will receive.

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Who Can Help
Independent Living Centers (ILCs)

For appeals or terminations:
New York Legal Assistance Group - Disability Advocacy Project
www.nylag.org
(212) 613-5000

For navigating work and benefits:
Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) at Hostos Community College
(800) 739-0118

Go online:
- SSA website: www.ssa.gov
- Work Incentives Planning and Assistance National Training and Data Center: www.vcu-ntdc.org
- Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. - Social Security & SSI Work Incentives: www.nls.org/Disability/SocialSecuritySSIWorkIncentives

Consider hiring a private lawyer or advocate.

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